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What is claimed is:

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1. A method comprising:
creating a multimedia annotation for a paper document; and
combining the paper document and the multimedia annotation to form a
first multimedia document.
 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the multimedia annotation is represented
as a first bar code printed on the multimedia document.
 3. The method of claim 2, wherein the first bar code encodes an audio sound.
 4. The method of claim 1, wherein a location indicator associated with the
multimedia annotation is placed on the multimedia document, wherein
the location indicator indicates where the multimedia annotation can be
retrieved and played.
 5. The method of claim 4, wherein the location indicator comprises a first
Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and a second bar code, wherein the
first URL is indicated in plain text, and wherein the second bar code
represents the first URL.

- 1 6. The method of claim 4, wherein the multimedia annotation comprises an
2 audio sound, a video clip, and a combination of both the audio sound and
3 the video clip.
- 1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the first multimedia document is a paper
2 document.
- 1 8. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2 generating an image of the paper document;
3 combining the image of the paper document and the multimedia
4 annotation to form a second multimedia document; and
5 storing the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation.
- 1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein the second multimedia document is
2 represented as a second Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and wherein
3 the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation is
4 accessed with the second URL.
- 1 10. The method of claim 9, wherein a third bar code is used to represent the
2 second URL.
- 1 11. The method of claim 8, further comprising sending the second multimedia
2 document to a recipient by electronic mail.

- 1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the recipient receives the image of the
2 paper document and the multimedia annotation in the form of Multi-
3 purpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME).
- 1 13. A machine-readable medium providing instructions, which when executed
2 by a set of one or more processors, cause said set of processors to perform
3 the following:
4 creating a multimedia annotation for a paper document; and
5 combining the paper document and the multimedia annotation to form a
6 first multimedia document.
- 1 14. The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the multimedia
2 annotation is represented as a first bar code printed on the multimedia
3 document.
- 1 15. The machine-readable medium of claim 14, wherein the first bar code
2 encodes an audio sound.
- 1 16. The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein a location indicator
2 associated with the multimedia annotation is placed on the multimedia
3 document, wherein the location indicator indicates where the multimedia
4 annotation can be retrieved and played.
- 1 17. The machine-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the location indicator
2 comprises a first Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and a second bar

3 code, wherein the first URL is indicated in plain text, and wherein the
4 second bar code represents the first URL.

1 18. The machine-readable medium of claim 16, wherein the multimedia
2 annotation comprises an audio sound, a video clip, and a combination of
3 both the audio sound and the video clip.

1 19. The machine-readable medium of claim 13, wherein the first multimedia
2 document is a paper document.

1 20. The machine-readable medium of claim 13, further comprising:
2 generating an image of the paper document;
3 combining the image of the paper document and the multimedia
4 annotation to form a second multimedia document; and
5 storing the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation.

1 21. The machine-readable medium of claim 20, wherein the second multimedia
2 document is represented as a second Uniform Resource Locator (URL),
3 and wherein the image of the paper document and the multimedia
4 annotation is accessed with the second URL.

1 22. The machine-readable medium of claim 21, wherein a third bar code is
2 used to represent the second URL.

1 23. The machine-readable medium of claim 20, further comprising sending the
2 second multimedia document to a recipient by electronic mail.

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1 24. The machine-readable medium of claim 23, wherein the recipient receives
2 the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation in the
3 form of Multi-purpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME).

1 25. A computer system, comprising:
2 a bus;
3 a data storage device coupled to the bus; and
4 a processor coupled to the data storage device, the processor operable to
5 receive instructions which, when executed by the processor, cause the
6 processor to perform a method comprising:
7 creating a multimedia annotation for a paper document; and
8 combining the paper document and the multimedia annotation to
9 form a first multimedia document.

1 26. The computer system of claim 25, wherein the multimedia annotation is
2 represented as a first bar code printed on the multimedia document;

1 27. The computer system of claim 26, wherein the first bar code encodes an
2 audio sound.

1 28. The computer system of claim 25, wherein a location indicator associated
2 with the multimedia annotation is placed on the multimedia document,
3 wherein the location indicator indicates where the multimedia annotation
4 can be retrieved and played.

1 29. The computer system of claim 28, wherein the address comprises a first
2 Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and a second bar code, wherein the
3 first URL is indicated in plain text, and wherein the second bar code
4 represents the first URL.

1 30. The computer system of claim 28, wherein the multimedia annotation
2 comprises an audio sound, a video clip, and a combination of both the
3 audio sound and the video clip.

1 31. The computer system of claim 25, wherein the first multimedia document is
2 a paper document.

1 32. The computer system of claim 25, further comprising:
2 generating an image of the paper document;
3 combining the image of the paper document and the multimedia
4 annotation to form a second multimedia document; and
5 storing the image of the paper document and the multimedia annotation.

1 33. The computer system of claim 32, wherein the second multimedia
2 document is represented as a second Uniform Resource Locator (URL),
3 and wherein the image of the paper document and the multimedia
4 annotation is accessed with the second URL.

1 34. The computer system of claim 33, wherein a third bar code is used to
2 represent the second URL.

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1 35. The computer system of claim 32, further comprising sending the second
2 multimedia document to a recipient by electronic mail.

1 36. The computer system of claim 35, wherein the recipient receives the image
2 of the paper document and the multimedia annotation in the form of
3 Multi-purpose Internet Mail Extension (MIME).

1 ~~37.~~ A method comprising:
2 creating a document to be used with a multimedia annotation;
3 creating the multimedia annotation;
4 storing an image of the document and the multimedia annotation; and
5 combining the document and the multimedia annotation to form a
6 multimedia document.

1 38. The method of claim 37, wherein combining the document and the
2 multimedia annotation comprises:
3 creating a paper multimedia document by associating the multimedia
4 annotation with the paper document; and
5 creating an electronic multimedia document by associating the multimedia
6 annotation with the image of the document.

1 39. The method of claim 38, wherein the multimedia annotation associated
2 with the paper multimedia document is represented as a first bar code

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3 printed on the paper multimedia document, wherein the first bar code
4 encodes an audio sound.

1 40. The method of claim 38, wherein a location indicator of the multimedia
2 annotation associated with the paper multimedia annotation is placed on
3 the paper multimedia document, wherein the location indicator indicates
4 where the multimedia annotation can be retrieved and played.

1 41. The method of claim 40, wherein the location indicator comprises a
2 Uniform Resource Locator (URL), and a second bar code, wherein the
3 URL is indicated in plain text, and wherein the second bar code
4 represents the URL.

1 42. The method of claim 40, wherein the multimedia annotation comprises an
2 audio sound, a video clip, and a combination of both the audio sound and
3 the video clip.

1 43. The method of claim 38, further comprising sending the electronic
2 multimedia document to a recipient, wherein the recipient receives the
3 electronic multimedia document in the form of an attachment to an
4 electronic mail.